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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in connection with the U.S. National Phase filing of PCT/US99/11977, filed May 28, 1999 and in response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2001. Applicants request that the following amendments to the claims be entered prior to examination on the merits.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 15 and 16 as indicated below.

15. (Amended) A vaccine comprising an immunogenic composition of claim 1.